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Local quiltmakers sew support for Woolsey Fire victims





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QUILT: Julie Siegel, Assistant Principal at Juan Cabrillo who lost her home in the Woolsey Fire received a quilt.

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

As the Woolsey Fire stretched across Los Angeles County, burning down homes and irreversibly changing lives, many Santa Monicans stepped up to help out. Some raised money, some held comedy shows, some housed evacuees where they could. One local group, however, has now made something handmade and special to help those still recovering.

The Santa Monica Quilt Guild, a charitable quilt-making nonprofit, recently produced over 25 quilts for families in Malibu affected by the Woolsey Fire. The guild handed blankets to a SMMUSD representative to distribute to families on Wednesday, March 13.

Quilt blankets made ranged from sofa quilts to bed quilts, with sizes for babies, toddlers, teens and adults. Guild members said quilts can take anywhere from a few hours for small, simple designs to weeks or even months with larger, more intricate designs. All quilts were constructed by hand with some assistance from sewing machines

Judith K. Hartman, a 10-year member of the over 20-year old guild, spearheaded the donations.

According to other guild members, Hartman conceived the idea, reached out to partners and culled all the quilts together largely on her own.

"We do a lot of philanthropy and we wanted to do something locally," Hartman said in a phone call before the donation. "We did something for Sandy

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No results in multi-day search for missing swimmer

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The search for a missing swimmer entered the third day this week with no sign of the man or a body.

Lifeguards, Coast Guard, Sheriff's deputies and local emergency responders spent three days combing the water off the Santa Monica beach after a lifeguard saw a man disappear below the waves on Tuesday.

According to Los Angeles County Lifeguard spokesman Pono Barnes a swimmer was about 110-120 yards offshore when the man began waving his arms and asking for help at about 11:02 a.m. on Tuesday. A lifeguard saw the swimmer between Towers 9 and 10 near the California Incline and immediately swam out, but the swimmer went below the water before help arrived.

In the first response, dive teams were mobilized including three lifeguard rescue boats, helicopter support and additional resources from the Santa Monica Harbor Patrol, Fire Department and Police Department. High winds and rough seas forced lifeguards to suspend the dive portion of the search on Tuesday but a Marine Technical Search Team continued to scan the ocean floor with specialized

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Uller victims filing complaint against Police Activities League

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Three victims of Eric Uller are planning to sue the Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL), alleging that PAL staff failed to address multiple claims that Uller was molesting children in the youth program.

The attorney for the three victims, Brian Claypool, filed a complaint Thursday, just two days after six other victims filed claims against the City of Santa Monica and PAL claiming that both did not investigate and covered up allegations made against Uller that indicated he was sexually abusing young boys he met through the program. The claim filed on behalf of Rogelio Monroy makes the same allegations against PAL and Claypool said he is planning to add the City to the lawsuit pending court approval.

Uller molested more than 10 boys in the 1980s and 1990s while he volunteered at PAL. Uller, who was also a City employee, was found dead in his apartment last November shortly before he was scheduled to appear in court on multiple child molestation charges. The City launched an internal investigation late last year into allegations that City staff covered up Uller's crimes.

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- 18ARB-0231: 1650 Lincoln Blvd: Mixed-Use
- 18ARB-0394: 1430 Lincoln Blvd: Mixed-Use
- 18ARB-0420: 1501 Broadway: Creative Office
- 18ARB-0519: 1030 Centinela Avenue: Single-Unit Dwelling

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- 1543 7th Street: Mixed-Use

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Friday, March 15

Word I (MS Office 2016)
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Saturday, March 16

Gentle Yoga and the Expressive Arts
Mona Wells leads this experiential workshop with a foundation in gentle Hatha Yoga, segueing into expressive movement, creative drawing, and writing.Montana Avenue Branch Library, 2 - 3:45 p.m.

Two Minute Playwriting with Max King Cap
Cost: $5. Jump in to playwriting or hone your existing skills while practicing structure: set-up, conflict, redirection, and resolution in bite-sized writing. Each participant will write a two-page, two-character play, then pair with another participant to read both pieces aloud, with each acting in their own and in the other's work. After a feedback and editing session, we'll all converge for a play marathon. No previous experience required, just a willingness to experiment with words and action. 1 - 3 p.m. 1450 Ocean. Register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/70759

Success through Mindset Workshop
Teens can celebrate Women's History Month by changing the narrative in your own story! Join Jocelyn De Leon, founder of Hire Women, for an interactive workshop designed to empower teen girls in grades 7-12. Space is limited and registration is required. Call 310-458-8684 for more information. 1 - 2 p.m.

Toddler Art & Play: Dr. Seuss
Enjoy Dr. Seuss-inspired crafts and activities for infants ages 18 months to 3 years old. Library: Fairview Branch Library. 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Master Gardeners at the Market
Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month 9:30 a.m. - Noon.

Sunday, March 17

Authors On Architecture: Smith on Wright
Author Kathryn Smith discusses her book Wright On Exhibit and explores a fascinating aspect of Frank Lloyd Wright's legacy. Co-sponsored by the Southern California Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians. Main Library. 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 18

Main Library Book Group
This long-running book discussion group, which is always welcoming to new members, alternates between fiction and nonfiction on a month-to-month basis. The March title is Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf. Main Library. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Board Meeting
The Santa Monica Architectural Review Board normally meets on the first and third Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 7 p.m.

The Arts Commission Regular Meeting
The Arts Commission of the City of Santa Monica exists to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of arts programs in the City, develop arts programs of innovative form, recognize and encourage the arts as a service of local government and enrich the lives of all citizens by exposure to art in its various forms. Meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30pm at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street. 6:30 p.m.

'Appy Hour' Lyft App for MODE Workshop
For registered MODE users only. Bring your fully-charged smartphone and get help learning how to install, set up, and use the Lyft app. For more information on MODE, please visit bigbluebus.com/mode. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

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COMPTON

2 small planes collide on Los Angeles-area runway, killing 1

A small plane ran into another aircraft on a Los Angeles-area runaway in a fiery crash that killed one person and injured another.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor says a Cessna with two people aboard landed Wednesday night at Compton/Woodley Airport.

A North American T-28 then landed and ran into the Cessna, which was still on the runway. The Cessna exploded into flames.

The Compton Fire Department says one person was killed and a second person was taken to the hospital in unknown condition.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Students file lawsuit against colleges in bribery scandal

In the first lawsuit to come out of the college bribery scandal, two students are suing Yale, Georgetown, Stanford and other schools entangled in the case, saying they and others were denied a fair shot at admission.

Erica Olsen and Kalea Woods, now students at Stanford, brought the class-action complaint Wednesday in federal court in San Francisco on behalf of themselves and other applicants and asked for unspecified damages.

They argued that applicants who played by the rules were victimized when rich and famous parents paid bribes that enabled unqualified students to get into highly selective universities.

"Each of the universities took the students' admission application fees while failing to take adequate steps to ensure that their admissions process was fair and free of fraud, bribery, cheating and dishonesty," the lawsuit said.

Charges were announced earlier this week against 50 people, including coaches and dozens of parents, among them TV actresses Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin. Prosecutors said parents paid to rig standardized exams and bribed coaches to get their children designated as recruited athletes in sports they didn't even play, thereby boosting their chances of getting in.

The colleges have cast themselves as victims and have moved to distance themselves from the coaches, firing or suspending them.

One of the institutions named in the lawsuit, the University of Texas at Austin, issued a statement saying that it is "outraged" over the scheme and that any wrongdoing at the school does not reflect its admissions practices and was carried out by "one UT employee."

The two plaintiffs said they were denied a fair opportunity at Yale and the University of Southern California. The lawsuit also named the University of California at Los Angeles, Wake Forest University and the University of San Diego.

Messages seeking comment from Olsen and Woods were not immediately returned.

Among other claims, the lawsuit said that the universities should have discovered the bribes and that their failure to do so through audits or other practices reflects "an unfair business practice."

USC officials said earlier this week that prosecutors believe that the alleged perpetrators "went to great lengths to conceal their actions from the university." Yale, likewise, said it was "the victim of a crime."

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LOS ANGELES

Wet winter ends California drought after 376 straight weeks

California is free of drought for the first time in more than seven years and only a small amount of its territory remains abnormally dry as a very wet winter winds down, experts said Thursday.

More than 93 percent of the state is free of drought or dryness, and areas of abnormal dryness along the Oregon border and in parts of four southern counties amount to less than 7 percent of the state, the U.S. Drought Monitor said in its weekly update.

The conditions in the far south are because of very dry prior years, the monitor said, noting reservoirs in San Diego County are at only 65 percent of capacity. Abnormal dryness describes an area either entering drought or emerging from it, but below the four tiers of drought.

California is drought-free for the first time since Dec. 20, 2011, said the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, which jointly produces the monitor with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"The state had experienced some form of drought for 376 consecutive weeks," the center tweeted.

The state came close to being drought-free in soggy 2017 when it was whittled down to less than 9 percent of the state, but since then paltry precipitation has raised concern about the water supply and a rethinking of how it is used, especially for landscaping.

The change this year has been dramatic. On Jan. 1, more than 75 percent of California was in some level of drought and less than 8 percent was entirely free.

Storms since have been a boon to water supplies as well as skiers and snowboarders as the snowpack deepened in the Sierra Nevada and in other ranges, but they have also brought problems.

Heavy downpours caused millions in damage to highways in the San Jacinto Mountains east of Los Angeles, and state transportation officials said this week they expect the routes to remain closed for four more months.

Yosemite National Park announced there will be late seasonal openings of facilities because of extensive damage from the exceptionally heavy snowpack.

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ARCADIA

22nd horse suffers fatal injuries at Santa Anita

A filly broke both front legs at the end of a workout on the main dirt track at Santa Anita and was euthanized on Thursday, becoming the 22nd horse to suffer catastrophic injuries since Dec. 26.

Trainer and owner David Bernstein said the 3-year-old filly named Princess Lili B broke down just past the finish line after a half-mile workout.

Bernstein told KTLA-TV that Princess Lili B apparently took a step as she changed leads, which led to her breaking her left ankle and then her right ankle. A lead change refers to which set of legs, left or right, leads or advances forward when a horse is galloping.

"She was always very sound and we've never had a problem with her," Bernstein said in the interview. "We didn't have to train her on any medication. She's just a lovely filly to be around."

Bernstein said the filly's exercise rider didn't indicate any problem with the dirt surface.

"I think it's one of those things that happens, sadly enough," the trainer told KTLA.

Bernstein said he wouldn't hesitate to train another horse on Santa Anita's surface again.

"I know they've done the best job they can possibly do," he said. "They're hired a number of great experts to handle this surface."

Santa Anita had reopened its main track for limited workouts on Monday, with horses limited to jogging and galloping while the surface was monitored for any irregularities that may have caused the deaths of 22 horses since the winter meet began on Dec. 26.

This week's workouts were the first conducted under the track's new training protocols, which include two veterinarians observing each horse going to and from the track.

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SACRAMENTO

California lawmakers try again to tamp down rising rents

California lawmakers are trying again to tamp down on rising housing costs with bills to expand rent control and stop rental price gouging.

The bills introduced Thursday come after voters soundly rejected a rent control ballot measure last November.

A handful of Assembly Democrats say the bills are needed because California is in a housing crisis. More than half of California renters spend at least a third of their income on rent.

Assemblyman Richard Bloom wants to overhaul a 1995 law that restricts rent control on houses or apartments built after that year. Another bill would create a registry of rental properties so the state can gather data on rising costs.

Groups representing apartment owners and real estate agents did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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SWIMMER

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sonar equipment and the search efforts began again Wednesday morning.

Twenty-eight divers from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) searched underwater for a total of approximately 42 hours, but were unable to locate the missing swimmer.

Search efforts continued into the evening with sheriff's boats and helicopters patrolling the coastal region and surrounding area looking for the swimmer.

Two sheriff's boats and Air 5 Rescue helicopter supporting dive operations assisted with surface search operations Thursday. Divers have a limit to the amount of time they can spend underwater per day and the dive portion of the search concluded at about noon Thursday with no sign of the man.

According to Barnes, local lifeguards will have additional patrols in the search area for the next few days but no additional staff or equipment will be assigned to the situation.

Barnes said there were no boats in the area when the swimmer went missing and there was no information about how the swimmer got into trouble. Rip currents were seen in the approximate area but no conclusions could be drawn as to what happened. According to the Santa Monica Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department no missing person reports have been filed since the swimmer was last seen and officers have no information regarding their identity.

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Dirty Don Worse than Tricky Dick?

On Sunday, CNN is airing the second of a 4-part documentary "Tricky Dick." It's about Richard Nixon, the only president in American history to resign. Nixon was ruthless and vengeful but, compared to Donald Trump, he was a combination of Mother Teresa and Winston Churchill.

There are similarities between Trump and Nixon and yet glaring differences. Almost all favor Nixon as a president and as a human being. To begin with, both were obsessed with "getting even," but for contrasting reasons.

Nixon's childhood was marked by poverty and the death of his two older brothers. Richard was 12 when Arthur passed from tubercular meningitis and 19 when Harold died of tuberculosis. (Richard turned down a scholarship to Harvard to stay home and help his mother care for Harold.) Years later, Nixon acknowledged his survivor guilt and the vow he made to his mother to one day make her proud of his life.

Born with a silver foot in his mouth, Trump was a millionaire by the time he was 8. He was 35 when his older brother, Fred Jr. died of alcoholism. Trump reportedly loved Fred Jr and yet, upon his becoming an airline pilot, reportedly said, "A pilot is just a bus driver in the sky." (How loving.)

During WW2, Nixon was eligible for an exemption because he was a Quaker and also working for the Office of Price Administration (OPA). And yet, he served in the Navy though he didn't see action.

During Vietnam, Trump didn't serve due to a bone spur that didn't interfere with baseball, football, basketball and golf, but evidently made marching impossible. (The painful spur was supposedly debilitating but, in 2016, Trump couldn't remember on which foot it occurred.)

I suppose Trump could have fought in Vietnam if he'd had a golf cart. As for "action," Trump had plenty as he admitted on the Howard Stern show that "My personal Vietnam was avoiding sexually transmitted diseases."

In 1969, Nixon signed the Environmental Protection Act and in 1970 he created the Environmental Protection Agency. Since becoming president, Trump has overturned almost everything Obama did to protect the environment. And worse.

Trump has proposed to open U.S. coastal waters to oil drilling, including California and Florida, and has directed the Interior Department to consider auctioning oil and gas leases in the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans and the Gulf of Mexico. (However, there's no truth he's planning on deeding Alaska back to Russia in return for 2020 election interference or selling the Grand Canyon to the Saudis.)

In 1969, Nixon was the last Republican president to balance the budget. Trump, the self-described "King of Debt," has infamously set a record for trade deficits and the national debt, $22 trillion and climbing.

In his private life, Trump had 6 bankruptcies and gleefully wiped out millions in debt. In June, 2016 he told CBS host Norah O"Donnell "I could declare America bankrupt" and force creditors to take pennies on the dollar. Say what?

Trump reportedly shrugged off the debt problem because he "Won't be around to shoulder the blame when it becomes untenable." (The Daily Beast cited "sources close to the president" but, frankly, I don't think Trump even knows the word "untenable.")

With Watergate, the Nixon administration racked up a record 55 indictments and 15 prison sentences. "I only hire the best people" Trump has "only" six convictions but with the Mueller report due soon, Trump still has time to catch "Tricky Dick."

Nixon was a brilliant "top of his class" student. Trump's grades were evidently so poor he threatened schools (and the SAT) with civil and criminal liability if they released his grades or test scores. Nixon was a workaholic, whereas Trump is a Fox News, golf and junk food-aholic.

A voracious reader, Nixon wrote 11 scholarly books. Trump doesn't even read his Daily Briefings. Tony Schwartz, the actual author of "Art of the Deal"swears, "Trump didn't write a word of it. I don't even think he read it."

"Tricky Dick" was considered by many in the psychiatric field as "paranoid" Trump is frequently described as a "sociopath." Nixon was ruthlessly cold and calculating. Trump is dangerously impulsive and reckless. Nixon was an expert on world history. Trump gets his history from "Fox and Friends."

Former White House Counsel John Dean described Nixon as "corrupt," and Trump as "Evil." Dean added, "Never for a moment did I worry Nixon, if impeached would refuse to leave office." But he has serious concerns Trump would leave peacefully as he has shown contempt for the law.

To his credit, Nixon's remarkably touching farewell speech to his staff revealed that, under all the bitterness, he had a genuine heart. Assuming he has the emotional capacity, I would love to see Trump deliver a farewell speech. In fact, the sooner the better.



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Lori Loughlin loses starring roles on Hallmark Channel

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AP Television Writer

The Hallmark Channel cut ties Thursday with favored star Lori Loughlin, a day after her arrest in a college admissions scam put the family-friendly network and extended Hallmark brand in uncomfortable proximity to a headline-grabbing scandal.

"We are saddened by the recent allegations surrounding the college admissions process," Hallmark Cards Inc., parent company of the Crown Media Family Networks umbrella group that includes the Hallmark Channel, said in a statement.

"We are no longer working with Lori Loughlin" and have stopped development of all productions with the actress for Crown Media channels, the statement said.

The company initially took a wait-and-see approach after a federal investigation of the scam involving more than 30 parents, many of them prominent, was revealed Tuesday. Loughlin and her husband, fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli, are accused of paying bribes to gain their daughters' college admissions.

Loughlin's career and the Hallmark Channel were deeply intertwined. She's been among its so-called "Christmas queens" who topline a slate of popular holiday movies, and also starred in the ongoing "Garage Sale Mysteries" movies and the series "When Calls the Heart."

"It's a feel-good, family values-type channel, and obviously scandal is the opposite of that," said Atlanta-based market strategist Laura Ries.

There was more at stake than image. "When Calls the Heart" tapes in Canada, and a judge ordered Loughlin's passport to be surrendered in December after grudgingly allowing her to cross the border for work until then.

Loughlin has not yet entered a plea in the case, and her attorney declined comment Wednesday after her first appearance in a Los Angeles federal court. Loughlin's publicist declined comment Thursday on Hallmark's decision to drop her.

The actress isn't exclusive to Hallmark. She's reprised her role as Aunt Becky for Netflix's "Fuller House" reboot of the popular series that originated in 1987 on ABC. But the sitcom represents a fraction of the streamer's flood of programs, while Loughlin has occupied an increasing amount of Hallmark real estate since she starred in "Meet My Mom" in 2010.

She's proved a reliable performer. Her 2018 holiday movie, "Homegrown Christmas," was the most-watched non-sports cable program the week it aired. In February, the season six premiere of "When Calls the Heart" was watched by a series-best 2.5 million viewers, putting it behind only "The Walking Dead" in Sunday night cable dramas.

"They definitely have a formula and you do have to follow the formula. And if you don't, they rein you back in and say, 'You have to follow. This is our format, this is what we do,'" Loughlin said of the Christmas movies last year in an interview with The Associated Press.

She said the rigidity chafes a bit but called the result "heartwarming," adding, "You go to bed and you don't have any bad dreams."

The New York City native with a sunny smile proved a good fit for the channel that specializes in romantic dramas and comedies with a wholesome touch, while her media-friendly personality allowed her to expertly tout her shows on her website and in TV appearances.

Then came Tuesday's bombshell government allegation that Loughlin and her husband were among more than 30 parents who paid a consultant to ensure their offspring's place in college with bribes and falsified exams. Prosecutors allege the couple paid $500,000 to have their daughters labeled as crew-team recruits at the University of Southern California, although neither is a rower.

Felicity Huffman ("Desperate Housewives," "American Crime") was among the other prominent parents, including a lawyer, doctor and hedge fund manager, indicted in the scam.

AP Writer Alicia Rancilio in New York contributed to this report.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

See the problem

Editor:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Santa Monica City Council,

I wonder if any of you ever visit the Santa Monica Main Library. It is no longer possible to go there and sit and read a magazine or a book. Every seat is occupied by a homeless person.

As a trained economist, I developed a concrete mathematical model which indicates that it is the political system which creates homelessness. It is therefore best that the city designate a place for homeless people to going during the day other than the library.

The city of Santa Monica is one of the more prosperous cities globally and I am positive we have the means to provide such a place for homeless people to go during the day.

It is best to visit the library and see it for yourself. I am sure you have the time, but I wonder if you have the inclination, the vision and the wisdom to see the problem and solve it.

Thank you.

CYRUS MOBASSER
Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED FY 2019-20 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Proposed FY 2019-20 Annual Action Plan. Annual Action Plans implement the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan adopted by City Council and are submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Action Plans delineate the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds to address the City's housing and community development high-priority needs as specified in the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan. The 2015-19 Consolidated Plan can be viewed at www.smgov.net/ccsgrants.

The Proposed FY 2019-20 Annual Action Plan is now available to the public for a 30-day review period ending April 15, 2019. The proposed plan can be viewed at http://www.smgov.net/hsd. Hard copies will also be available upon request through the Human Services Division at 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to humanservices@smgov.net or to the above address by April 16, 2019. You may also present your comments verbally at the City Council meeting on April 23, 2019.

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

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QUILTMAKERS

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Hook victims, Ronald McDonald House, we've sent quilts to Japan and other parts of the country and the world, but this is our backyard. We wanted to help our neighbors."

In addition to making many quilts on her own, Hartman sought help for where to donate the handmade quilts and found an ally in the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District.

Juanita Devis, community liaison for the district, says she was happy to get the school district involved.

"I received an email from [The Santa Monica Quilt Guild] asking if we'd be interested in accepting the quilts ... we have staff and families that are still suffering. I had to say yes."

Devis would later pick up the colorful, handmade quilts at the guild's donation ceremony, located at the First United Methodist Church, off Washington and 11th.

A pew emblazoned with the word "Hope" again and again greet visitors to the church. Hope, Hartman says, is what she hopes these quilts bring to victims of the fire.

In a speech that drew applause and cheers at the donation ceremony, Hartman said that quilts have been an integral part of American History, with our foremothers creating quilts out of necessity.

"Today," she continued, "we have the luxury to be able to sew quilts for creativity, artistic expression, philanthropy, and utility... We hope these quilts will bring a little comfort and pleasure into the lives of some of the fire victims."

Devis and Isaac Burgess, Malibu Pathway Director, commended the guild for their positive contributions.

"Everyone has said how beautiful the quilts are," Devis said. "They all tell me the stories of how they used to have one from their grandmother and it got burned in the fire. Now, they have a new one."

"We are pleased that another group has provided support to Malibu neighbors who were victims of the Woolsey fire," Burgess added. "The Santa Monica Quilt Guild's donation of dozens of quilts that will be shared with our Malibu families and staff is heartwarming and very much appreciated. There has been a tremendous outpouring of donations and support from Santa Monica community members and organizations and we thank them all with gratitude."

As of now, a continuous distribution method for the quilts is being finalized, a SMMUSD spokesperson said.

While those details get hammered out, Hartman says she and her guild members will continue making quilts for families in need and more.

"Being charitable is our goal, our mission. We're a nonprofit, that's what we do."

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ULLER

FROM PAGE 1

Monroy announced his intention to sue PAL and the City for failing to protect him from sexual abuse last November. Claypool said he is also intending to pursue a lawsuit on behalf of two more victims.

The complaint provides new information about how Uller groomed and molested Monroy and claims that another child was kicked out of the program for calling Uller a molester in front of PAL employees. Uller also routinely took children out for meals and gave them gifts, according to the complaint.

"The red flags were there," Claypool said. "Anybody with a set of eyes or ears would see he was grooming these kids."

Monroy met Uller in the late 1980s, when he was 13 or 14 years old. Uller, who was a mentor in the PAL program, introduced himself to Monroy as an undercover police officer, showing him his badge, and carried a gun. Uller would take him to get pizza, drive him home from PAL events and show up to events unrelated to PAL to "hang out" with him, according to the complaint. PAL staff never attempted to prevent unsupervised contact with Uller.

After several months, the grooming escalated to abuse, Monroy alleges. He mentioned to Uller that he needed to get a physical for a soccer team he was on, and Uller said he could arrange for his father, a doctor, to do the physical for free. That evening, he took Monroy to a clinic that appeared to be closed and molested him on the pretense that he was giving him a physical.

Uller threatened to physically harm Monroy if he told anyone what had happened, according to the complaint. Monroy stopped attending PAL events and quit the soccer team, hoping that he would not see Uller again.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department contacted Monroy last summer based on an anonymous tip about Uller. He had not told anyone about the abuse out of fear for his own safety. Monroy suffered substantial anxiety and found it difficult to maintain relationships with family and friends.

The complaint asserts that PAL staff should have prevented Uller from spending time with children unsupervised and responded to claims that he was molesting young boys, alleging that another boy in PAL called Uller a molester in front of PAL employees and was subsequently kicked out of the program.

"They knew or should have known he was a predator," Claypool said.

The complaint asks for a jury trial and judgment against PAL for sexual harassment and negligent supervision, hiring and retention. It seeks damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

The City has retained Praesidium, an outside consultant, to review the policies and practices of current youth programs to ensure that best practices for preventing incidents of abuse are in place throughout City programs, said City spokesperson Constance Farrell.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO INFORM FY 2019-20 ACTION PLAN
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and
Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Program funds

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold two public hearings to receive community input to inform the development of the upcoming Draft 2019-20 Action Plan, scheduled for release on March 15, 2019. Annual Action Plans implement the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan adopted by City Council and are submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Action Plans delineate the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds to address the City's housing and community development high-priority needs as specified in the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan. The 2015-19 Consolidated Plan can be viewed at www.smgov.net/ccsgrants.

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The Public Meetings are scheduled at the:

Housing Commission
Thursday, March 21, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
at the Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90401

Social Services Commission
Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00pm
at the Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90401

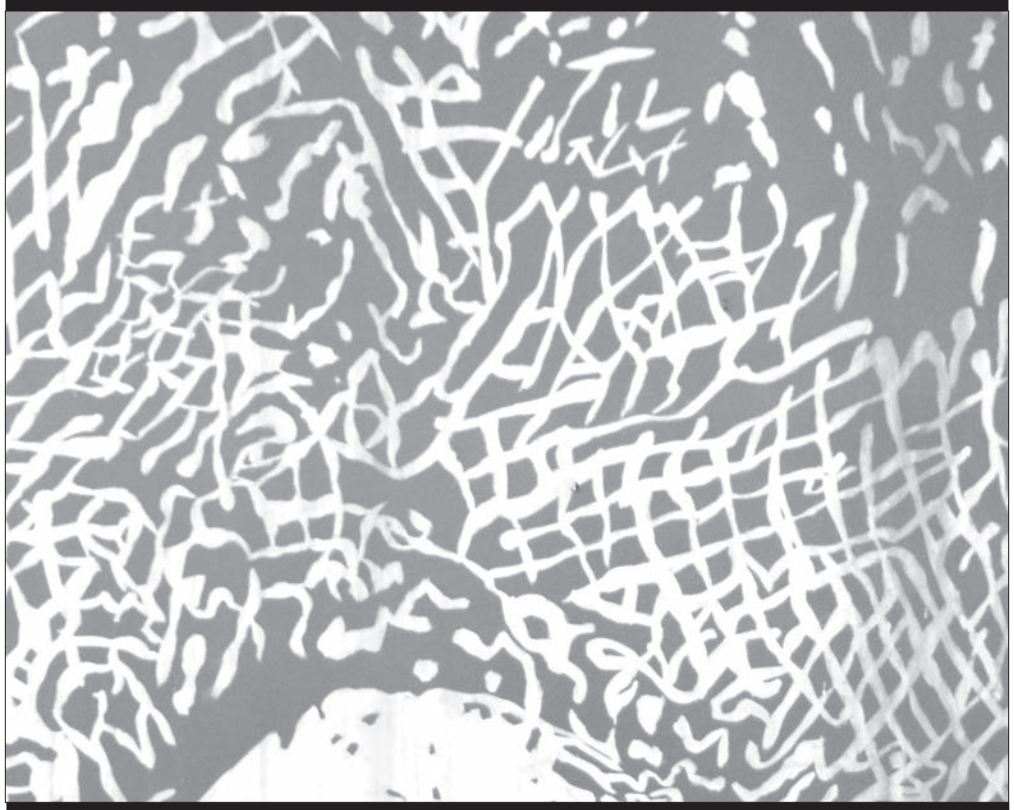
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON MARCH 7, AT ABOUT 1:30 P.M.

Officers were flagged down by an employee of the 7-11 Store at 630 Wilshire Blvd regarding a subject setting up camp in the alley behind the store. The reporting party stated he needed assistance in removing the subject so that the store's dumpsters could be serviced. Officers found the subject near two dumpsters. The female subject had created an encampment in the dumpster area. Officers asked the subject to pack up her belongings and vacate the area. The subject refused to leave the area. The subject was placed under arrest for the violation. Khrista Demaso Pandos, 30, homeless was issued a citation for camping in public. Bail was set at $500.



File Photo

KHRISTA DEMASO PANDOS.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 281 CALLS ON MARCH 12

Public intoxication 2200blk 30th St 1:34 a.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:13 a.m.
Living in a vehicle 900blk Ocean Ave 3:17 a.m.
Grand theft auto 500blk Raymond Ave 4:29 a.m.
Petty theft 900blk 2nd St 5:03 a.m.
Vandalism 20th St / Interstate 10 5:31 a.m.
Violation of temporary no parking signs 1300blk 2nd St 5:53 a.m.
Battery 2600blk Pico Blvd 6:48 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400blk 17th St 7:59 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1300blk Hill St 8:05 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300blk 9th St 8:06 a.m.
Person down 2100blk 20th St 8:21 a.m.
Silent burglar alarm 800blk Montana Ave 8:26 a.m.
Petty theft 1200blk Franklin St 8:33 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200blk 10th St 8:46 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 8:54 a.m.
Burglary 500blk Broadway 9:02 a.m.
Petty theft 400blk 11th St 9:09 a.m.
Burglary 800blk San Vicente Blvd 9:27 a.m.
Panhandling 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 9:35 a.m.
Vandalism 1700blk Wilshire Blvd 10 a.m.
Elder abuse 1300blk 17th St 10:14 a.m.
Burglary 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 10:28 a.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 2400blk 17th St 10:36 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1400blk 5th St 10:48 a.m.
Grand theft auto 3rd St / Idaho Ave 11:27 a.m.
Grand theft auto 500blk California Ave 11:27 a.m.
Speeding 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:03 p.m.
Speeding 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:17 p.m.
Violation of restraining order 1500blk California Ave 1:03 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200blk 2nd St 1:05 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 900blk 20th St 1:06 p.m.
Person with a gun 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:06 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 600blk 10th St 1:07 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Bay St 1:12 p.m.
Missing person 300blk Olympic Dr 1:17 p.m.
Person down 1200blk 4th St 1:18 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 400blk Idaho Ave 1:34 p.m.
Vandalism 1700blk Wilshire Blvd 1:43 p.m.
Drinking in public 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:47 p.m.
Person down 15th St / Colorado Ave 1:51 p.m.
Lost property 2800blk Ocean Front Walk 2:20 p.m.
Threats /investigations 1400blk 18th St 2:28 p.m.
Petty theft 900blk 19th St 2:36 p.m.
Elder abuse 1900blk Pico Blvd 2:45 p.m.
Violation of restraining order 800blk 5th St 2:53 p.m.
Encampment 900blk California Ave 2:54 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation 14th St / Pico Blvd 2:57 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Franklin St / Colorado Ave 3:16 p.m.
Petty theft 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 3:30 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Franklin St / Colorado Ave 3:32 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:39 p.m.
Hit and run 17th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:46 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2500blk 25th St 3:48 p.m.
Drinking in public 800blk Grant St 4:36 p.m.
Burglary 2800blk Neilson Way 4:37 p.m.
Hit and run 7th St / Alta Ave 4:42 p.m.
Attempt strongarm robbery 1200blk 4th St 4:56 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300blk 9th St 5:17 p.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 14th St / Alta Ave 5:27 p.m.
Battery 200blk Broadway 5:28 p.m.
Indecent exposure 12th St / Idaho Ave 5:34 p.m.
Hit and run 1500blk 4th St 5:40 p.m.
Person down 1400blk Arizona Ave 6:07 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 44 CALLS ON MARCH 13

Automatic alarm 00blk Pico Blvd 2:19 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 1700blk Pico Blvd 5:15 a.m.
Automatic alarm 700blk Arizona Ave 6:19 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Expo Line 6:34 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:35 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:49 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 7:58 a.m.
EMS 2100blk 20th St 8:21 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Stewart St 8:31 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:21 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:14 a.m.
EMS 400blk Alta Ave 10:47 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:52 a.m.
Automatic alarm 200blk Ocean Ave 10:54 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Marine St 11:32 a.m.
Fire out investigation 800blk 12th St 12:47 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 4th St 1:18 p.m.
EMS 2900blk 31st St 1:32 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 1:35 p.m.
Structure fire 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:52 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:02 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 2:27 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 2:28 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Colorado Ave 2:29 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 2:30 p.m.
EMS Franklin St / Colorado Ave 3:32 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 3:35 p.m.
Haz mat - level 1 700blk 9th St 4:16 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Olympic Blvd 5:04 p.m.

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18 36 45 47 69
Power#: 14
Jackpot: $495 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/12
10 12 16 49 57
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: $40 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/13
20 29 31 37 44
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: $27 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/13
16 27 28 32 36

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/13
Midday: 4 8 2

Draw Date: 3/13
Evening: 3 9 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/13
1st: 10 - SOLID GOLD
2nd: 2 - LUCKY STAR
3rd: 7 - EUREKA
RACE TIME: 1:48.48

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 55.8°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft+ waist to stomach high
Steep NW swell continues. Modest SSW swell. Favorable winds, peaks for the combo breaks.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft+ knee to waist high occ. 4 ft
Small/fun combo of NW and SSW swells. Favorable winds continue.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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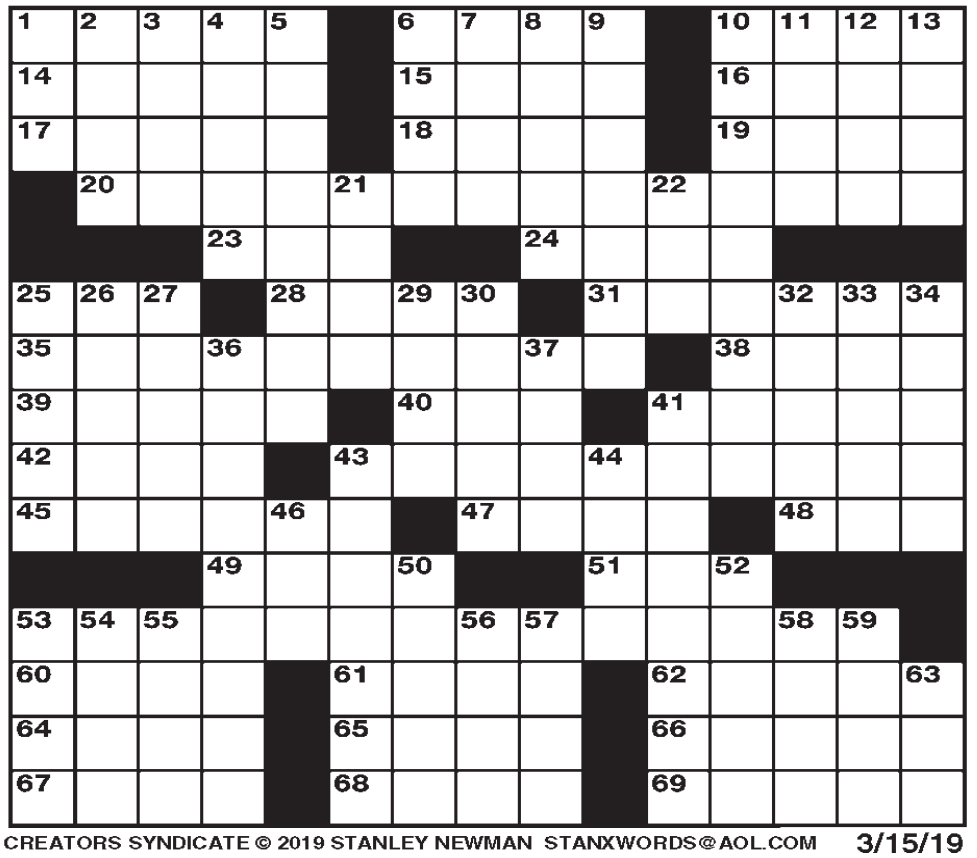
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Newsday Crossword

TODAY'S PHRASE by Mark McClain
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Oddball
6 Large swallow
10 Ship forepart
14 Rebound in sports
15 Sinai's locale
16 Verdi soprano
17 Something whipped for dessert
18 Impose, as penalties
19 Macbeth, e.g.
20 Much of Botswana
23 Santa __ winds
24 Ruinous
25 Obsolete player
28 Senator Romney's constituency
31 Unpredictable
35 Like certain seashells
38 No longer found
39 Thai cuisine herb
40 Connection of affection
41 Supposedly common quality
42 Expectant times
43 Not a main drag
45 Composer Rachmaninoff
47 Not at it
48 UFO travelers
49 "Render __ Caesar . . ."
51 Quick to catch on
53 What three other long answers conceal
60 Shrewdness
61 Family nickname
62 Cry of joy
64 Chip to start with
65 Analogous
66 Fancy farewell
67 Behind-the-wall post
68 Prepackaged diner spread
69 Brewer's buy

DOWN
1 Its seal has an eagle and antenna
2 Happiness symbol
3 Househunter's concern
4 Wombat cousin
5 President Macron
6 Dressy fundraiser
7 Podcast listener
8 Seriously ticked
9 Lucky strike
10 Bus fare
11 Bridal shower
12 Burning sensation
13 Steam engine innovator
21 What a rack may hold
22 Slice of movie history
25 Jazz instrument
26 Burn for
27 Stair segment
29 When the soothsayer warns Caesar
30 Supermodel Klum
32 Nonprofit, often
33 Earliest appearance
34 Intersects
36 Seeking anonymity, perhaps
37 It's mandatory
41 Leave for a bit
43 Link on some homepages
44 Poetry competition
46 Hindmost
50 Sanyo's home city
52 Topic of some summits
53 Dickinson contraction
54 Subtle amount
55 Words associated with 53 Across
56 Exclude
57 Admirers or appliances
58 Grass that can mimic fur
59 Weed removers
63 Asleep



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 15)

You're loved deeply and understood better than you think, so don't hesitate to reach out. There will be celebrations, laughter, community, and education through the next six months. Invest in yourself. You're worth it, but that probably isn't your main concern. Will you make your money back? A resounding YES. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 22, 38, 24 and 9.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This scene you're a part of today is pretty challenging. Try this. Imagine you are the filmmaker who created this whole situation to set up your main character to shine in a later scene. That perspective can lessen your stress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No matter what headspace you're in today, you have the ability to slip into a zone where everything is beautiful. Probably this involves that hobby or activity that's become your happy place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Opportunities to stretch yourself usually happen organically, but when they don't, why wait? Make deliberate efforts to challenge yourself. This will be the difference between adequacy and greatness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The changing of an old guard is coming. Your respect and deference to power is genuine and you'll be well-considered when the time comes to move up. That said, there are certain injustices with which you'll never go along.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're enthralled by certain kinds of entertainment. It's like some performances can spiral to deep layers of your consciousness, giving you deeply needed soul-nourishment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Saying "no" isn't as hard for you as it is for some others. That's why you don't like to put people in a position of having to agree or disagree with you. Instead, you'll present ideas (no pressure, no "ask") and just see what happens.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Volunteer. You'll love who you meet through this. It won't be all easy or fun – in fact, this promises to be a completely mixed bag – but one special contact will make it all more than worthwhile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Recovery, renewal and regeneration – three different stages. To expect them to happen all at once is to sign up to a world of frustration. Instead, relax and recognize the stage you're in for it's vital place in the chain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You hate to reject anyone, but saying "no" leaves an opening for a better fit to step in. So don't agonize over your choices, or your tone will bring others down. Look at the positive that you do by moving quickly on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one's job is always easy. Even pampered kings, wealthy socialites and celebrities have problems. So waste not a second wishing for a different set of problems. There's greatness waiting inside of the set you're on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Probably no one is going to tap you as the leader, so tap yourself. With your talent, drive and a few well-chosen words you can stir up the people and strengthen their spirit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Consider your next move for three days. Maybe "consider" is too strong a word for what you should do really. No active thinking, discussing or writing will be necessary. Give it a rest. You'll know better on Monday.

Mercury and Jupiter at Odds

On a good day, Mercury retrograde in the empathetic realm of Pisces indicates the sort of misunderstandings that happen when we assume to know what another person is thinking and feeling. A square of Mercury to Jupiter suggests the imagined drama could get quickly out of hand. Don't stress! This might all be in your head.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: Listening well will give you the world on a string. TAURUS: Sometimes good choices go masquerading as bad ones and vice versa. GEMINI: The popular way isn't the way that's going to work for everyone, or, possibly anyone. Norms are no longer normal. CANCER: You like people who are direct, purposeful, and in tune with themselves because these are qualities you want to further develop in yourself. LEO: Things conveyed in a believable way aren't always true. You have a sixth sense about it all weekend. VIRGO: Savor life. Engage the senses. Otherwise, you're too in your own head. LIBRA: If you don't get the wonderful date, you'll get something even better – the story. SCORPIO: You've a terrific sense about what you should tell people and what you'd be better off keeping to yourself. SAGITTARIUS: The same rules that seem really ironclad today will disappear tomorrow like sugar in the rain. CAPRICORN: It's easier to make one sweeping decision about your relationship and stick to it than it is to clutter up your head with a hundred little rules. AQUARIUS: The good thing about knowing someone for a long time is that they can reflect back to you the through line of who you've been all along. PISCES: Love has many forms and tones, some of which don't have a lot of voltage but can still power you through.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

The Cancer and Pisces connection is powerful and fluid as ever this weekend with the moon and sun in these signs. The water signs don't so much complete one another as they become a bigger, stronger collective entity. Like two oceans coming together, they assimilate and blend, erasing boundaries that seemed so distinct before their relationship began.

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Senate rejects Trump border emergency as Republicans defect

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The Republican-run Senate firmly rejected President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the southwest border on Thursday, setting up a veto fight and dealing him a conspicuous rebuke as he tested how boldly he could ignore Congress in pursuit of his highest-profile goal.

The Senate voted 59-41 to cancel Trump's February proclamation of a border emergency, which he invoked to spend $3.6 billion more for border barriers than Congress had approved. Twelve Republicans joined Democrats in defying Trump in a showdown many GOP senators had hoped to avoid because he commands die-hard loyalty from millions of conservative voters who could punish defecting lawmakers in next year's elections.

With the Democratic-controlled House's approval of the same resolution last month, Senate passage sends it to Trump. He has shown no reluctance to casting his first veto to advance his campaign exhortation, "Build the Wall," which has prompted roars at countless Trump rallies. Approval votes in both the Senate and House fell short of the two-thirds majorities that would be needed for an override to succeed.

"VETO!" Trump tweeted minutes after the vote.

Trump has long been comfortable vetoing the measure because he thinks it will endear him to his political base, said a White House official, commenting anonymously because the official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Though Trump seems sure to prevail in that battle, it remains noteworthy that lawmakers of both parties resisted him in a fight directly tied to his cherished campaign theme of erecting a border wall. The roll call came just a day after the Senate took a step toward a veto fight with Trump on another issue, voting to end U.S. support for the Saudi Arabian-led coalition's war in Yemen.

In a measure of how remarkable the confrontation was, Thursday was the first time Congress has voted to block a presidential emergency since the National Emergency Act became law in 1976.

Even before Thursday's vote, there were warnings that GOP senators resisting Trump could face political consequences. A White House official said Trump won't forget when senators who oppose him want him to attend fundraisers or provide other help. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly on internal deliberations.

At the White House, Trump did not answer when reporters asked if there would be consequences for Republicans who voted against him.

"I'm sure he will not be happy with my vote," said moderate Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, a GOP defector who faces re-election next year in a state that reveres independent streaks in its politicians. "But I'm a United State senator and feel my job to stand up for the Constitution. So let the chips fall where they may."

Underscoring the political pressures in play, Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., one of the first Republicans to say he'd oppose Trump's border emergency, voted Thursday to support it.

Tillis, who faces a potentially difficult re-election race next year, cited talks with the White House that suggest Trump could be open to restricting presidential emergency powers in the future. Tillis wrote in a Washington Post opinion column last month that there'd be "no intellectual honesty" in backing Trump after his repeated objections about executive overreach by President Barack Obama.

Still, the breadth of opposition among Republicans suggested how concern about his declaration had spread to all corners of the GOP. Republican senators voting for the resolution blocking Trump included Mitt Romney of Utah, the party's 2012 presidential candidate; Mike Lee of Utah, a solid conservative; Trump 2016 presidential rivals Marco Rubio of Florida and Rand Paul of Kentucky and Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, a respected centrist.

Republicans control the Senate 53-47. Democrats solidly opposed Trump's declaration.

Presidents have declared 58 national emergencies since the 1976 law, but this was the first aimed at accessing money that Congress had explicitly denied, according to Elizabeth Goitein, co-director for national security at New York University Law School's Brennan Center for Justice.

Trump and Republicans backing him said there is a legitimate security and humanitarian crisis at the border with Mexico. They also said Trump was merely exercising his powers under the law, which largely leaves it to presidents to decide what a national emergency is.

"The president is operating within existing law, and the crisis on our border is all too real," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

Opponents said Trump's assertion of an emergency was overblown. They said he issued his declaration only because Congress agreed to provide less than $1.4 billion for barriers and he was desperate to fulfill his campaign promise on the wall. They said the Constitution gives Congress, not presidents, control over spending and said Trump's stretching of emergency powers would invite future presidents to do the same for their own concerns.

"He's obsessed with showing strength, and he couldn't just abandon his pursuit of the border wall, so he had to trample on the Constitution to continue his fight," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

Republicans had hoped that Trump would endorse a separate bill by Utah's Sen. Lee constraining emergency declarations in the future and that would win over enough GOP senators to reject Thursday's resolution.

But Trump told Lee on Wednesday that he opposed Lee's legislation, prompting Lee himself to say he would back the resolution.

The strongest chance of blocking Trump remains several lawsuits filed by Democratic state attorneys general, environmental groups and others. Those cases could effectively block Trump from diverting extra money to barrier construction for months or longer.

On Twitter, Trump called on Republicans to oppose the resolution, which House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., helped drive through the House last month.

"Today's issue is BORDER SECURITY and Crime!!! Don't vote with Pelosi!" he tweeted, invoking the name of a Democrat who boatloads of GOP ads have villainized in recent campaign cycles.

Other Republicans voting against Trump's border emergency were Roy Blunt of Missouri, Jerry Moran of Kansas, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Rob Portman of Ohio, Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania and Roger Wicker of Mississippi.

The National Emergency Act gives presidents wide leeway in declaring an emergency. Congress can vote to block a declaration, but the two-thirds majorities required to overcome presidential vetoes make it hard for lawmakers to prevail.

Lee had proposed letting a presidential emergency declaration last 30 days unless Congress voted to extend it. That would have applied to future emergencies but not Trump's current order unless he sought to renew it next year.

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